

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An appliance security method, the appliance operable to be used by a consumer at a single user entry point and serviced using a security mechanism unique to the appliance, comprising:

- 5 associating an appliance with a unique identifier;  
associating the unique security mechanism with the unique identifier, the unique security mechanism required to service the appliance.

10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating a security drive lock mechanism with the appliance with a locking identifier.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating with the appliance a password.

15 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating with the appliance a basic input/output system (BIOS) password.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising associating a plurality of unique security mechanisms required to service the appliance with the unique identifier.

20 6. The method of one of the at least one claim 3, wherein the password is rotated.

7. A security system for at least one appliance operable to be used by a consumer at a single user entry point and serviced using a security mechanism unique to one of the at least one appliance, comprising:

- 25 a unique identifier to identify one of the at least one appliance; and  
wherein the unique security mechanism is required to service the one of the at least one appliance and is associated with the unique identifier.

8. The security system of claim 7, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating a security drive lock mechanism with the one of the at least one appliance and with a locking identifier.

9. The security system of claim 7, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating with the one of the at least one appliance a password.

5 10. The security system of claim 7, wherein the unique security mechanism comprises associating with the one of the at least one appliance a basic input/output system (BIOS) password.

11. The security system of claim 7, further comprising a plurality of unique security mechanisms required to service the one of the at least one appliance and associated with the unique identifier.

10 12. The security system of claim 7, wherein the password is rotated.

13. The security system of claim 7, wherein the one of the at least one appliance comprises a digital entertainment center appliance.

14. The security system of claim 7, wherein the user entry point comprises a graphical user interface.

15 15. A security system application, the appliance operable to be used by a consumer at a single user entry point and serviced using at least one security mechanism unique to the appliance, comprising application software residing on a computer-readable medium and operable to prevent unauthorized servicing of an appliance by using the at least one unique security mechanism, the at least one  
20 security mechanism associated with a unique identifier that is operable to identify the appliance.

16. The security system of claim 15, wherein the at least one unique security mechanism comprises associating a security drive lock mechanism with the appliance with a locking identifier.

25 17. The security system of claim 15, wherein the at least one unique security mechanism comprises associating with the appliance a password.

18. The security system of claim 15, wherein the at least one unique security mechanism comprises associating with the appliance a basic input/output system (BIOS) password.

5 19. The security system of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of unique security mechanisms required to service the appliance and associated with the unique identifier.

20. The security system of claim 15, wherein the password is rotated.